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1. FOLLOWING ( FROM REFD0C ) IS THE TEXT OF A DRAFT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON GOVERNMENT ACTION IN RELATION TO THE PRIMARY ALUMINUM INDUSTRY AS APPROVED BY THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AT ITS MARCH 28-30 MEETING. IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APRIL 27 AND THE COUNCIL MAY 2. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY WE INTEND TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION AS WELL AS PUBLICATION OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE' S REPORT ON PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF PRIMARY ALUMINUM INDUSTRY.

BEGIN TEXT :

" THE COUNCIL,  
HAVING REGARD TO ARTICLE 5( B) OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO- OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF 14 TH DECEMBER, 1960.

HAVING REGARD TO THE REPORT BY THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ON  
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THE " PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF THE PRIMARY ALUMINUM  
INDUSTRY" DIE/ IND/ AL/72.4 ( FINAL) AND CORRIGENDUM.

CONSIDERING THAT, ACCORDING TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS  
REPORT, A SUPPLY/ DEMAND IMBALANCE MAY WELL PERSIST IN THE  
PRIMARY ALUMINUM INDUSTRY UP TO 1975.

CONSIDERING THAT THE PROVISION OF GOVERNEMENT SUPPORT  
MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF MODIFYING THE STRUCTURE OF THE  
INDUSTRY AND MIGHT THEREBY HAVE A BEARING ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

CONSIDERING THAT NEW INVESTMENT OR TECHNICAL OR  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AFFORDED BY PRODUCER COMPANIES WITH A  
VIEW TO EXPANDING OR CREATING NEW PRODUCTION CAPACITIES  
MIGHT HAVE A SIMILAR EFFECT .

CONSIDERING THAT THE LIBERALISATION OF INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE IS AN IMPORTANT LONG TERM OBJECTIVE FOR GOVERNMENTS  
AND THAT THEY SHOULD BEAR THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND WHEN THEY  
ARE FORMULATING THEIR POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE PRIMARY  
ALUMINUM INDUSTRY.

ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE .

1. RECOMMENDS THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES :

1.- TO BEAR IN MIND, IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF THE  
CURRENT PROBLEMS OF THE PRIMARY ALUMINUM INDUSTRY,  
THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THAT AN ADJUSTMENT OF  
THE RATE OF CAPACITY UTILISATION TO MARKET TRENDS  
COULD MAKE TO OVERCOMING THE PRESENT SUPPLY/ DEMAND  
IMBALANCE AND, IF THOUGHT DESIRABLE, BRING THIS  
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMPANIES PRODUCING PRIMARY  
ALUMINUM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

2.- TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, WHEN CONSIDERING SUPPORT FOR  
THE EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN THE PRIMARY  
ALUMINUM INDUSTRY, THE SUPPLY/ DEMAND IMBALANCE THAT  
IS FORECAST IN THIS INDUSTRY AT WORLD LEVEL UP TO  
1975.

3.- TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE COMPANIES PRODUCING  
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PRIMARY ALUMINUM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES,

WHEN THEY ARE TAKING STEPS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO INCREASED CAPACITY, TO THE IMPORTANCE OF A WELL-FOUNDED ASSESSMENT OF THE CAPACITY REQUIRED, THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE FABRICATING CAPACITY TO ABSORB THE PRIMARY OUTPUT AS WELL AS THE MOST PROBABLE AND REALISTIC RATE OF UTILISATION OF BOTH PRIMARY AND FABRICATING CAPACITIES.

4.- TO BEAR IN MIND THE LONG TERM OBJECTIVE OF TRADE LIBERALISATION WHEN FRAMING THEIR POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE PRIMARY ALUMINUM INDUSTRY.

II. INSTRUCTS THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO REPORT BEFORE 1975 ON ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THIS RECOMMENDATION."  
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